



World Humanitarian Summit Commitments

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Women and Girls: Catalyzing Action to Achieve Gender Equality

Core Commitment #1: Empower women and girls as change agents and leaders, including by increasing support for local women-led groups to participate meaningfully in humanitarian action

- Through its adolescent girls initiative, the Women's Refugee Commission (WRC) will build humanitarian partners' capacity to deliver programming that links adolescent girls, including those with disabilities, to essential services, and builds their capacity to fully participate in the decision-making processes that affect their lives.
- The WRC will identify effective interventions to prevent and address forced, early, and child marriage in three diverse humanitarian settings and disseminate learning to all stakeholders.
- The WRC will partner with local and national groups of women with disabilities to provide capacity development and mentoring, thereby increasing their ability to participate in humanitarian program design, delivery, and monitoring.

Core Commitment #2: Ensure universal access to reproductive health and reproductive rights

- As a member of the secretariat of the Inter-agency Working Group (IAWG) on Reproductive Health in Crises, the WRC will facilitate implementation of the Every Woman Every Child Everywhere Initiative and its roadmap and work to end all preventable deaths of women and adolescent girls in crisis settings.
- The WRC will monitor and advocate for immediate implementation of the Minimum Initial Services Package (MISP) for reproductive health at the onset of all new emergencies and for the transition to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care as soon as the situation stabilizes.
- The WRC will improve community resilience, particularly among women and girls, through rollout of its community-based training curriculum on mitigating gender and sexual and reproductive health risks in emergencies supported by Disaster Risk Management for Health at the district and national levels.

Core Commitment #3: Implement coordinated global approach to prevent and respond to GBV in crises, including through the Call to Action

- As a founding partner of the Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies, the WRC will support implementation of the Call to Action Road Map 2016-2020, help bring new partners into the initiative, and conduct sustained advocacy with all stakeholders for strong and comprehensive programs to address gender-based violence from the start of an emergency.
- The WRC commits to gathering the evidence for community-based care for survivors of sexual violence where insecurity and other factors prevent survivors' access to health facilities.
- In its role as a member of the inter-agency group developing guidelines on inclusion of persons with disability in humanitarian action, the WRC will provide technical expertise and leadership on gender equality, gender-based violence prevention and response, and women's protection and empowerment to the guidelines development and implementation processes.

Core Commitment #4: Ensure that humanitarian programming is gender responsive

- The WRC will continue to assess, report, and advocate on stakeholders' compliance with established inter-agency standards on gender-responsive humanitarian action, focusing in particular on women, girls, and youth displaced by crises.
- The WRC commits to conducting a gender analysis, with age-, sex- and disability-disaggregated data, when developing and implementing projects, ensuring that the different needs, vulnerabilities, and capacities of women, girls, men, and boys, including those with disabilities and sexual and gender minorities, are reflected in our research, programs, and advocacy.
- To ensure that the growing area of cash-based programming is gender responsive, minimizes protection risks, and maximizes protection benefits, the WRC will train practitioners on the use of the Guide for Protection in Cash-based Interventions developed by a consortium of UN agencies and NGOs.

Core Commitment #5: Fully comply with humanitarian policies, frameworks, and legally binding documents related to gender equality, women's empowerment, and women's rights

- As a steering committee member and seat of the Global Campaign for Equal Nationality Rights, the WRC will advocate, in partnership with national women's organizations, for

reform of gender discriminatory nationality laws that exacerbate the risks to crisis-affected women and their families, limit their access to reproductive health care, create barriers to education and sustainable livelihoods, and deny them opportunities to participate in community decision-making and electoral processes.

Charter on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Humanitarian Action

- The WRC will serve as an active member of the inter-agency group developing globally endorsed guidelines on inclusion of persons with disabilities in humanitarian action, and will support their rollout and implementation through 2020.
- The WRC will provide technical expertise and leadership on gender equality, gender-based violence prevention and response, and women's protection and empowerment in the guidelines development process, as well as in the implementation strategy that follows.
- The WRC commits to the collection, analysis, and reporting of sex-, age- and disability-disaggregated data in its research, advocacy, and program work to improve the accessibility and inclusiveness of our activities.

Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action

- The WRC will integrate the goals of the Compact into its own research, program, and advocacy work, giving particular attention to the inclusion of displaced adolescents and youth, including those with disabilities and sexual and gender minorities, as partners in decision-making processes and the design, implementation, and monitoring of programs.
- The WRC will provide technical support to operational partners in humanitarian settings to strengthen protection and increase the participation of adolescent girls, sexual and gender minorities, and young people with disabilities in program design, implementation, and evaluation.
- Recognizing the many negative consequences of gender discriminatory nationality laws on crisis-affected adolescents and youth, the WRC will continue to advocate for reform of laws that deny parents the equal right to confer nationality to their children. And as a leader of the Global Campaign for Equal Nationality Rights, the WRC will support increased engagement of youth in this work.

Urban Crisis Charter

- The WRC endorses the Urban Crisis Charter on adapting global crisis response for an urban world and has undertaken research on the risks to urban refugees and the changes required by the humanitarian community to better meet their protection needs.